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1. The Soviet Embassy at The Hague has been instructed by Moscow to close all Russian schools in The Netherlands and to send all Soviet children to the USSR for their education.
2. A large number of Soviet diplomats, their wives and children have, therefore, applied for transit visas permitting them to traverse Germany on their way to the USSR via Denmark. These applications were made on or about 7 July 1948, and most of the applicants were expected to have left The Netherlands by 1 August.
3. Among the departing Soviet personnel are listed:  
Soviet Ambassador to The Netherlands Vassili VALKOV, his wife, two daughters and his mother-in-law;  
Konstantin RODIONOV, born 1907, his wife Vera, born 1910 and their son and daughter;  
Ekaterina CHACHINA, born 1905, and her son;  
Lioudmilla SANTIROVA, born 1916, and her daughter;  
Nina MOROSOVA, born 1921, and her son;  
School children Svetlana and Valeri SALTYSKOV, Vitali KOTCHKIN and Lora ANOCHINA, all of whom carried repatriation certificates valid until 1 September 1948, issued by the Soviet Embassy at The Hague.
4. It was noted that some of the children's names appearing on the list of visa applicants do not correspond to those of any adults officially attached to the Soviet Embassy at The Hague. It is not known whether these children are those of Soviet personnel not officially on the diplomatic list in The Netherlands or whether they are refugee Russian children now being sent back to the USSR.

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